



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter

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Executive Board Meeting, August 11th, 2016

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (CST)

Conf. Call Number: 866.410.8397

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On the Call

President Nathan Baker

Past President - absent

President Elect Josh Stafford

Secretary/Treasurer Julie DeJong

Board Member Ben Lardy

Board Member Alex Solem

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (4/14/16)
 - No changes or concerns
 - Motion to approve: Alex Solem
 - Second: Ben Lardy
 - All in Favor
 - Approval of treasurers report
 - Check on why CMPS has not cashed dues check from SDTWS – Julie DeJong
 - Motion to approve: Alex Solem
 - Second: Ben Lardy
 - All in Favor
- Old Business
 - 2017 Annual Meeting Date and Location
 - Feb. 27th – March 1st
 - Cedar Shore Resort – Oacoma, SD (reserved)
 - Review duties/responsibilities of board members for new board
 - Google Drive Information
 - Website Documents File
 - TWS Annual Conference – Raleigh, North Carolina
 - SDTWS Chapter Representation
 - Nathan Baker will be attending and we will reimburse both Registration and Airfare (already paid by him)
 - Registration = \$475
 - Airfare = \$528.20

- Julie DeJong will send a check to Nathan Baker to cover expenses
 - SD Student Travel Grants
 - 3 SD Students (\$200 each)
 - Katherine Moratz
 - October Greenfield
 - Kassondra Hendricks
 - Will be required to send in a 1 page review of the conference
 - South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund
 - Provided Funding in the amount of \$1,000.00
 - Will be waiting for another call for -proposals and update on how the money is being utilized
- New Business
 - 2017 Annual Meeting
 - Theme
 - Working on something in the arena of the interface of Conservation, Agriculture and Human Populations
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Fred Errington and wife Debra, won't work for a presentation in person but a Skype talk may work
 - Other options – Gabe Brown/Brown Ranch (Bismarck) Human Dimensions component, precision conservation
 - Meeting Registration Fees
 - Increased fees in 2016 due to 50th anniversary and additional components for the meeting
 - Stay with the fees from last year, they are very reasonable compared to other conferences
 - Allows for better meals, snacks, and options for supplies, take home gifts, etc.
 - Add a hardship/scholarship option?
 - Allows for the extra funds to be utilized for conservation donations, etc.
 - Review Meeting Checklist
 - Date set, Cedar Shore is contacted and rooms reserved
 - Josh – planning and agenda
 - CMPS Annual Meeting – 2017
 - Slated to be held in South Dakota - 2017
 - Silka Kempema spoke to the board
 - State Chapter involvement is varied/flexible
 - Maintain good communication with CMPS board
 - Shelly Deisch elected to board now
 - Meeting is usually in August
 - Last time in SD, with Great Plains Natural Science Society
 - Andrea Orabona – president of CMPS board
 - Need to set up a meeting with CMPS to discuss plans

- Bob Lanka – section rep.
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016
 - Letter to SD Representatives – Nathan Baker will take the lead on this letter, approved to go forward with the letter
- Mount Rushmore Connector Trail
 - Comment Letter
 - Will check more with John Kanta and others in the region
- Friends of the Big Sioux River
 - Conservation Groups Meeting
 - We will try and learn more about this group and have some representation from the board to sit in on a meeting
- Upcoming SDTWS Newsletter (September/October)
 - Meeting Theme
 - TWS New Member Benefits
 - Online Access to all of TWS's Journals

Meeting Adjourned: 1:43 CMT
Motion to adjourn – Julie DeJong
Second - Alex Solem